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1. POST CONFIRMS HELD REMAINING AT CHARLES UNIVERSITY FOR SECOND YEAR.

2. CZECH MINED HAS APPROVED BEGNAL AS SECOND CHARLES LECTURER, BUT UNIVERSITY APPARENTLY EXPERIENCING SOME AS YET UNSPECIFIED DIFFICULTY IN FIRMLY ACCEPTING PROPOSAL. POST PURSUING RESPONSE AND WILL PROVIDE ASAP.

3. SLOVAK MINED AND COMENSKY UNIVERSITY HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING LIHANI'S STRONG SPANISH LANGUAGE BACKGROUND. DISCUSSION OF SAME COMPLICATED BY SLOVAK AWARENESS THAT CALLAS HAS AGAIN REVERSED HIS POSITION AND IS FINALLY PREPARED TO FIRMLY COMMIT HIMSELF TO A FULL ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC YEAR IN BRATISLAVA.

4. ASIDE FROM AWKWARD SITUATION ATTENDING EARLIER CALLAS CONSIDERATION SAUDI ARABIAN JOB OFFER, POST IS IN FAVOR RETAINING CALLAS, PRIMARILY TO BUILD ON EXCELLENT GROUNDWORK LAID IN CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

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5. POST CAN OFFER NO ASSURANCE THAT SLOVAK MINED RESERVATIONS
RE LIHANI CAN BE OVERCOME IN TIME AVAILABLE AND RECOMMENDS
DEPARTMENT SO INFORM LIHANI. GIVEN CALLAS COMMITMENT TO SERVE
IN BRATISLAVA, IF NOMINATED, AND SLOVAK ACCEPTANCE HIS RENEWAL,
POST NOW RECOMMENDS CALLAS FOR SECOND YEAR.

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